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## AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

On page 1, before the section "Field of the Invention", please insert the following new heading and paragraph:

## CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

The subject matter of the present application may also be related to the following U.S. Patent Applications: "Data Event Logging in Computing Platform," serial No. 09/979,902, filed November 27, 2001; "Data Integrity Monitoring in Trusted Computing Entity," serial No. 09/979,903, filed November 27, 2001; "Trusted Computing Environment," serial No. 10/080,477, filed February 22, 2002; "Method of and Apparatus for Investigating Transactions in a Data Processing Environment," serial No. 10/080,478, filed February 22, 2002; "Method of and Apparatus for Ascertaining the Status of a Data Processing Environment," serial No. 10/080,479, filed February 22, 2002; "Trusted Platform Evaluation," serial No. 10/194,831, filed July 11, 2002; "Privacy of Data on a Computer Platform," serial No. 10/206,812, filed July 26, 2002; and "Method and Apparatus for Locking an Application Within a Trusted Environment," serial No. 10/208,718, filed July 29, 2002.

